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cent of the children being very weak in arithmetic; 22 per cent had not even the slightest comprehension for figures, although they had already been two years in the lowest classes of the schools. In conclusion, Dr. Cassel advocated a common action of the physicians and teachers and recommended systematic examinations of the feeble-minded children in the parish schools of Berlin."

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,
United States Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Health of Berlin.

BERLIN, GERMANY, *February 27, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health of Berlin during the week ended February 15, was exceedingly good. The mortality rate was lower than that of the foregoing week, amounting to 15.2 per 1,000, and although higher than that of Charlottenburg and Schöneberg, was lower than that of two-thirds of the other German large towns and considerably less than that of London, Paris, and Vienna.

The participation of children in their first year in the mortality was higher than in the first February week—being 4.4 per 1,000 of the living—which was not, however, one-half that of Munich and Breslau. Acute diseases of the intestines claimed 32 victims. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs decreased somewhat, causing 57 deaths, thereby leaving Berlin as ranking among those large cities in which these diseases caused the least number of deaths. The heavy increase in the number of deaths from consumption in the foregoing week, has been followed by a considerable decrease, 73 deaths being registered as compared with 113. Severe cases of measles were somewhat less frequent. The number of cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria remained the same, the former causing 6, the latter 7 deaths. Cases of influenza were more frequent, 5 deaths being registered. Finally there were recorded 16 deaths by violence, being four times the number of the previous week.

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Report of quarantine on outgoing vessels at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, H. I., *March 3, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of outgoing quarantine transactions at this station for the week ended March 1, 1902: Number of steamers inspected and passed, 2; sailing vessels inspected and passed, 4; cabin passengers inspected and passed, 90; steerage passengers detained and passed, 7; steerage passengers rejected, 30; crew inspected and passed, 68; pieces of baggage disinfected, 54; sailing vessels disinfected, 2.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaii.*

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